

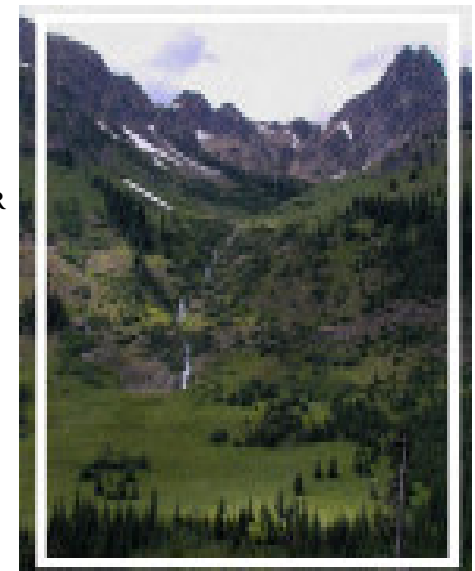


CITY OF RENTON
COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

TRIPS AND TOURS 2007

TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS
50 YEARS AND OLDER

RENTON SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER
211 BURNETT AVENUE NORTH
RENTON, WA 98057



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WELCOME TRAVELERS

We hope you enjoy our annual travel brochure. Our goal is to provide a variety of travel opportunities for you. This will enable you to plan ahead for that special trip that is of interest to you. Included in this brochure are day trips and two to three day trips.

We are excited about the upcoming trips we will be offering and proud of our very successful Travel Program. Travel can be one of the real joys of life. Why hassle with driving, lodging, meal reservations or traveling alone? Try traveling with the Renton Senior Activity Center; we know you will love it!



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REGISTRATION OPTIONS



WALK-IN

Renton Senior Activity Center
211 Burnett Avenue N.
Renton, WA 98057

INTERNET OR



TOUCH TONE REGISTRATION



Cyber Sign-Up (www.cybersignup.org) and Fast Fone-In (425.430.6729) are available 24 hours a day. These systems allow you to register for courses via computer or telephone. All you need is the following:

- ◆ Valid Visa or MasterCard number and expiration date
- ◆ Family PIN
- ◆ Participant barcode
- ◆ Course number

If you do not have a family PIN and participant barcode, please call the Renton Senior Activity Center at 425.430.6633 or the Renton Community Center at 425.430.6700.

PAYMENT OPTIONS



You can pay for programs and activities at the Renton Senior Activity Center in the following ways.

- ◆ Cash
- ◆ Check or money order
- ◆ Visa
- ◆ MasterCard

NOVEMBER

FUTURE OF FLIGHT AVIATION CENTER AND WIGHT'S HOME AND GARDEN



Everett is home to the new Future of Flight Aviation Center, where a new generation of jets are being born. This unique interpretive facility is designed to let you experience the marvel of commercial jet aviation and production. Sit in a mockup of the new 787 Dreamliner jet, learn the principles of flight at the Airline Design Zone and tour the Boeing Assembly Plant that produces 777's and soon the new 787. Lunch is at the Everett Olive Garden. Please make your selection at registration between 1) Spaghetti with meat sauce or 2) Fettuccine Alfredo. All lunches include a pasta dish, salad, breadsticks, beverage and ice cream. After lunch we're off to Wight's Home and Garden, a family-owned business that is known for dazzling displays that inspire a customer's creativity in their home décor, gifts and garden art. There is always something new at Wight's Home and Garden. Please be aware that all passengers must be able to walk two full blocks. Cost includes transportation, admissions, lunch, driver gratuity and a Renton Senior Activity Center representative. Refunds after October 19 will be granted only if your spot can be filled. **Register by October 4.**

41133 Tuesday 11/20 \$70R/\$75NR 8:15am-5:00pm

VICTORIAN COUNTRY CHRISTMAS



Step back in time as the Western Washington State Fairgrounds in Puyallup are transformed into a Victorian village featuring old-fashioned streets lined with over 560 Victorian stores, tended by shopkeepers in Victorian attire. You can shop for unique and handcrafted gifts or enjoy the entertainment and sample the vast array of scrumptious food offerings. Fee includes transportation only. Admission is \$7.50.

41134 Thursday 11/29 \$6 9:30am-4:00pm

DECEMBER

LIGHTS OF CHRISTMAS




When you enter the grounds of Warm Beach Camp in Stanwood, you enter a land of enchantment, lit with over one million lights! With its dazzling light displays, the smell of fresh hot doughnuts and the holiday sounds of Victorian Carolers, the Lights of Christmas is the perfect holiday destination. Wander through their gift store, the Victorian building with its miniature village display, or sit down and relax while listening to live music. Before arriving at Warm Beach, we'll enjoy a buffet dinner at the Golden Corral in Marysville. Please be aware that this trip involves lots of walking and on some uneven terrain. Please wear comfortable boots or shoes and dress for the weather. Cost includes transportation, dinner, admission, driver gratuity and a Renton Senior Activity Center representative. Refunds after November 15 can be given only if your spot can be filled. **Register by November 14.**

41135 Thursday 12/6 \$59R/\$64NR 3:30pm-10:15pm

GENERAL INFORMATION

Mobility In Our Participants – If walking or climbing stairs poses a problem for you, check with staff prior to registering.

Registration – Registration for all trips is open. Registration for most day trips may be done in person or by Touch Tone (phone) or at CyberSignup.org. Trips available online or by phone will have this symbol.  Please refer to page 11 for instructions.

NOTE: Please register well in advance of each trip. Program staff monitors registration to determine if the trip is a go or not. If not enough travelers have registered, the trip will be cancelled. Please pay close attention to registration deadlines.

Cancellation Policy - Most registrations need to be done well in advance, and some are non-refundable. For this reason, registration deadlines and refund policies vary.

Refund Policy – The Renton Senior Activity Center reserves the right to cancel any tour that does not fill or reach its minimum. In that event, you can either leave a balance on your account or request a refund. Refunds take two to four weeks to process.

Deposits/Final Payments – For a one-day tour, full payment is due at the time of registration. For overnight tours, a deposit amount may be listed. Final payment due dates are listed on the itinerary of each trip.

Parking – All trips depart from the Renton Senior Activity Center unless specified in the itinerary. Be aware that vehicles are not to be left overnight at the Senior Center. Please make arrangements for your vehicle to be removed from the parking lot if your trip extends beyond one day.

RSAC Representative – A staff member from the Renton Senior Activity Center accompanies most tours. Our representative will ensure that the tour runs as close to schedule as possible, that you are as comfortable as possible, and handle any problems that may arise.

Gratuities – Gratuities to the bus driver are included in most trips. If a gratuity is not included in the trip, we suggest that your appreciation be extended on an individual basis rather than as a group collection. Gratuities should be in direct proportion to the level of professionalism and personal service your driver shows. Industry standards use a guideline of \$1.00 per day for day trips and \$3.00 per day for overnight trips per traveling adult. Tips are also included when the trip includes a meal. You are responsible for tipping at restaurants when eating on your own.

Age Requirements – The trips listed in this brochure are designed for adults 50 and above. Adults under 50 can participate if they accompany a spouse 50 and over or if a traveler requires special assistance.

Special Requests/Overnight Tours – We request all non-smoking rooms. Please let us know if you prefer a smoking room. It is customary to request one bed per room for married couples. Please let us know if you prefer two beds.

MARCH

FRASER DOWNS RACETRACK AND CASINO



This unique venue in Surrey, British Columbia, combines the thrill and exhilaration of live harness racing with the fun and excitement of a casino. The casino features the latest in state-of-the-art gaming featuring Touch Bet Roulette and Electronic Blackjack. The racetrack offers live standard bred horseracing and the big draw is the fabulous buffet lunch. If walking or climbing stairs poses a problem for you, please check with staff prior to registering. Due to border security either a valid passport or a birth certificate with a raised seal and photo identification is required. No refunds can be given after this date unless your vacancy can be filled. **Register by February 16.**

40675 Saturday 3/17 \$70R/\$75NR 8:30am-8:00pm



APRIL

HISTORIC CRUISE AND COUPEVILLE



We drive to Whidbey Island and board the 100-foot Mystic Sea for a unique and memorable waterfront tour and cruise. Beginning at the Old Coupeville Wharf, we'll cruise past this charming old town (founded by Captain Coupe of Bath, Maine in 1850), Penn Cove and San de Fuca. In a narrated slide show presentation of historical pictures, we'll learn about Coupeville, Ebey's Landing, Admiralty Head Lighthouse, Camp Casey and its gun emplacements—as well as sailing ships of the past. There will be time to explore historic downtown Coupeville and enjoy an independent lunch. Cost includes transportation, driver gratuity, and a Renton Senior Activity Center representative. Refunds after March 15 will be granted if your vacancy can be filled. **Register and pay the fee by March 15.**

41122 Tuesday 4/17 \$83R/\$88NR 8:30am-7:00pm

SEPTEMBER

WESTERN WASHINGTON STATE FAIR



Do the Puyallup with your friends from the Renton Senior Activity Center. Enjoy the fun, food and festivities at the Fair. We will be going on Senior Tuesday where you will receive a seniors-only coupon book with real vendor savings, and Stan Boreson will be the featured entertainment. Fee includes transportation only. Fair admission is \$7.

41129 Tuesday 9/18 \$10 9:30am-3:30pm

CASCADES LOOP

The trip begins with Highway 20, the North Cascades Highway, one of the most staggering stretches of highway ever carved. It's like a conveyor belt to another world. Our first stop is Newhalem, the company town of frame houses and well-tended yards built to house employees of Seattle City Light. Farther up the highway, we'll stop at the Washington Pass overlook for spectacular views of the mountain ringed valley of Early Winters Creek. We check-in at the Best Western Cascades Inn in Winthrop, then head west to Mazama for dinner at the Freestone Inn Wilson Ranch. Located at the base of the Cascade Peaks, the dramatic log construction of Freestone Inn and the 30-foot fireplace reflect the beautiful wilderness surroundings.

The morning is open to explore this very unique town. Winthrop is like a living, breathing Wild West town resurrected from the turn-of-the-century. A Cowboy Camp lunch and horse-drawn wagon ride awaits us at Sun Mountain Lodge, then we continue on to Leavenworth for an evening at the new Bavarian Lodge. After a full breakfast at the hotel, we travel east to Cashmere for an Apple Country Tour and a visit to a cider mill to watch the bottling of their very tasty cider. Returning to Leavenworth, there's time for some serious Bavarian-style shopping before heading home. Full refunds will be given until August 14, a 50% refund from August 15-26, a 25% refund from August 27-September 6 and after September 6 refunds can only be given if your vacancy is filled. Cost includes transportation, lodging, baggage handling, admissions, one dinner, two lunches, two breakfasts and, if our minimum is met, a Renton Senior Activity Center representative. **Register by August 13.**

Tuesday-Thursday 9/25-9/27
Double Occupancy: \$450R/\$455NR Single Occupancy: \$545R/\$550NR

OCTOBER



TROOPERS IN TRAINING AND LITTLE CREEK CASINO

Ever wonder what it takes to become a State Trooper? A tour of the Washington State Patrol Academy campus in Shelton gives us a glimpse of the rigorous, 26-week course required of cadets, a process that includes water rescue, firearms and a 2.7 mile emergency vehicle driving course. At the Little Creek Casino, you'll have a one-and-a-half hour gambling opportunity. Lunch will be at the Falls Terrace Restaurant in Olympia, overlooking the Deschutes River. Cost includes transportation, lunch, driver gratuity, and a representative from the Renton Senior Activity Center. **Register by September 17.**

41131 Tuesday 10/16 \$61R/\$66NR 9:40am-6:15pm

DIABLO LAKE ADVENTURE

We will be exploring the remote Skagit River Gorge in the North Central Cascades wilderness. We will board the Alice Ross III for a beautiful cruise on the blue-green Diablo Lake. We will learn about the natural history, geology and ecology of this pristine environment and the construction of Ross Dam. A delicious picnic-style box lunch of chicken, potato salad, roll, cookie and a beverage will be served. Cost includes transportation, lunch, driver gratuity and a Renton Senior Activity Center representative. Refunds after July 26 can only be granted if your spot can be filled. **Register by July 18.**

41127 Thursday 8/16 \$84R/\$89NR 7:30am-8:15pm

MOUNT ST. HELENS PANORAMAS

Experience the awesome power of nature on this two-day trip to the Mount St. Helens area. Traveling south through Elbe on Highway 7, we arrive in Morton in time for lunch. Our approach to Mount St. Helens is from the northeast side of the mountain, taking us to Windy Ridge-one of the best places to get an overview of the area devastated by the 1980 Mount St. Helens eruption. You'll get spectacular views of the blast zone where an 800' high wave brought once lush forests down into Spirit Lake-stripping most of the vegetation and soil from many of the older bedrock surfaces revealing previously hidden chapters of geologic history to geologists and visitors alike. We'll head down the mountain to overnight in Centralia, stopping at Mary McCrank's for dinner.

The next morning we depart for our exploration of the other side of the mountain. Traveling along the Spirit Mt. Memorial Highway, we'll visit the Weyerhaeuser Forest Learning Center to view fascinating displays highlighting the eruption, recovery and reforestation of the once devastated area. At the Backwood Café in EcoPark Resort we'll sit down for a hearty logger lunch before continuing on to the beautiful Johnston Ridge Observatory. As we leave the mountain, we'll stop at the Coldwater Visitor Center to check out their displays, gift shop and grab some refreshments for the trip home. Full refunds for cancellations will be given until July 6, a 50% refund from July 7-19, 25% refund from July 20-August 6, no refunds will be granted after August 6 unless your spot can be filled. Cost includes transportation, lodging, admission fees, one breakfast, one dinner and two lunches and, if the minimum is met, a Renton Senior Activity Center representative. **Register by July 6.**

Wednesday/Thursday 8/22-8/23
Double Occupancy: \$298R/\$303NR Single Occupancy: \$348R/\$353NR

OREGON COAST ODYSSEY- SENIORS ON THE BEACH 2007

Join seniors from all over the state of Washington for a three-day, two-night adventure to Seaside, Oregon. We'll stay at the Shilo Inn where the accommodations are gracious and the views spectacular. The Shilo is within walking distance to numerous shops, restaurants and, of course, the beach. Each day of our adventure will provide various ways to spend your time. Options include: a day in Astoria touring the Flavel House; Maritime Museum and Astoria Column; a day in Lincoln City; the Tillamook Cheese Factory and Air Museum; or a day in McMinnville to visit the Spruce Goose. Cost includes transportation, hotel accommodations, admissions, and a Renton Senior Activity Center representative.

Tuesday-Thursday 5/8-5/10
Double Occupancy: \$245R/\$250NR Single Occupancy: \$365R/\$370NR



LUNCH IN LEAVENWORTH

Most of us have visited the charming, Bavarian-style village of Leavenworth but how many have sampled the authentic German food that's available? We will do that today along with sampling the delicious wines at Icicle Ridge Winery. Lunch will be at King Ludwig's and please choose from the following upon registration: 1) Bratwurst (pork sausage with red cabbage) and German Potato Salad; 2) Goulash (a hearty beef stew) served with German pasta; or 3) Chicken Royal (grilled chicken breast with sautéed onions, peppers, and tomatoes with smoked sausage) and German pasta. Between lunch and the wine tasting, time will be available to walk the town. Cost includes transportation, lunch, driver gratuity, and a representative from the Renton Senior Activity Center. **Register by April 27.**

41123 Tuesday 5/15 \$63R/\$68NR 8:00am-7:30pm

CRAB FEED AND CRUISE

Welcome to Anacortes and a fabulous crab cruise aboard the Mystic Sea! We'll dine on delicious Dungeness crab accompanied by fresh French bread, old fashioned potato salad, green salad and brownies for dessert. Our trip begins along Anacortes' historic waterfront before heading out to the Cone Islands and circumnavigating Guemes Island. Watch for Mermaid Rock off Cypress Island as we cruise by. There are large viewing windows, with inside and outside seating on board. It's a comfy and easy way to enjoy the spectacular scenery while watching for bald eagles, seals, porpoises and possibly whales. Chicken can be substituted for crab but must be done upon registration. Refunds after May 11 will be granted if your vacancy can be filled. Cost includes transportation, crab feast, driver gratuity, and a Renton Senior Activity Center representative. **Register by May 11.**

41124 Wednesday 6/13 \$88R/\$93NR 8:00am – 5:45pm



FIREWORKS OVER LAKE COEUR D'ALENE

It's a fabulous 4th on Lake Coeur d'Alene! Our home for two nights is the Shilo Inn, with a group dinner at the Greenbrier ending our first day. The next morning, a step-on guide takes us to the oldest building in Idaho, the Cataldo Mission, built by the Coeur d'Alene Indians and Catholic missionaries in 1853 using neither hammers nor nails. After lunch at the historic Enaville Resort, we will enter the Crystal Gold Mine—an authentic 1890's underground mine where miners worked only with a pick, dynamite and a candle on their hard hat for light. After having an afternoon to yourself and an independent dinner, we'll board the cruise boat for the Fireworks Cruise. It's like having a front-row seat for the fireworks over Lake Coeur d'Alene.

A morning departure and we're on our way to Spokane for a guided tour of the elegant Davenport Hotel. Designed by renowned architect, Kirtland Cutter, this regional landmark was recently restored to its former 1914 glory. Lunch is at another Cutter design listed on the National Historic Register, the Glover Mansion. There will be time to tour the mansion before heading for home. Full refunds will be given until May 18, a 50% refund from May 19-31, a 25% refund from June 1-14 and no refunds will be given after June 14 unless your spot is filled. Cost includes transportation, lodging, baggage handling, guided tours and admissions, fireworks cruise, two breakfasts, two lunches, one dinner and, if our minimum number is met, a Renton Senior Activity Center representative will also be included. **Register by May 17.**

Tuesday-Thursday

Double Occupancy: \$440R/\$445NR

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Single Occupancy: \$538R/\$543NR

HOPE ISLAND INN AND CAMANO ISLAND

The historic Hope Island Inn on lovely Snee-Osch Beach, LaConner, is not only a fabulous place to have lunch but participating in their Antique Roadshow Auction is the real treat. Using their collection of valuable antiques from Asia, Europe and the U.S., you and your tablemates will bid at their auction—using their “mad money” of course! A visit to the Serenity Herb Gardens on Camano Island is truly serene. This tranquil setting has a Tea Garden, gazebo and ponds. A ride on the miniature train is the perfect way to travel through the woods and gardens, and a visit to the gift shop is the perfect way to purchase herbal treats and hand-crafted items. For your lunch selection, please choose between 1) Alder Baked Salmon with lingonberries; or 2) Chicken Piccata topped with capers, oregano and butter sauce. Please make your selection when registering. Cost includes transportation, admission and Roadshow Auction, lunch, driver gratuity, and a representative from the Renton Senior Activity Center. **Register by June 22.**

41126 Tuesday

7/17

\$77R/\$82NR

9:15am-6:45pm